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May 3, 2007

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Urban Area Health Education Center  
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Re: Rural Health **Care Pilot Project**

Dear Mark,

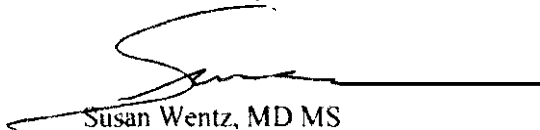
As the Director of NetWellness at Case Western Reserve University, and representing the entire NetWellness team, I'm delighted to participate in OneCommunity's Rural Health Cam project. Your work at OneCommunity is crucial for our shared goal of putting technology in the service of the wellbeing and prosperity of Northeast Ohio. As your ongoing partner in health initiatives, I know the value OneCommunity brings to our business, technology and human service communities. This is an important proposal and a major step in the health outcomes we collectively seek.

A partnership of Ohio's research universities- Case Western Reserve University, the University of Cincinnati, and The Ohio State University NetWellness (<http://netwellness.org>) provides understandable health information *directly* to consumers front faculty experts who are specialists in their field. One of the first consumer health websites (June 1995), NetWellness provides information that is accurate, understandable, and advertising-free with state-of-the-art content and an extensive ask-an-expert service. Designed to serve **all** populations, NetWellness empowers people to take responsibility for their health through *prevention, self care, and provider/patient communication*.

We look forward to joining in this project with a use case, demonstrating the power of urban/rural and university/community engagement. As health systems in rural communities are connected, providers and their teams can rely on NetWellness to provide health information to patients, giving them needed information in the office and a source of ongoing help between visits. Through our partners, OPLIN and INFOhio, NetWellness will be available, not only to those who can access the web at home, but through the broadband connectivity of libraries and schools. In addition, the *INFOhio Parent Project* will be an important awareness vehicle, cultivating familiarity with NetWellness and the contribution it can make to family health.

With the health challenges that face Ohio, it is wonderful to see the partnership and engagement that OneCommunity is generating across a spectrum of health, business and technology groups. The best solutions need the best partnerships. In health this must be a cluster of uncommon partners. This proposal represents an important way forward to improving the health of both our region and our state.

Yours Sincerely,



Susan Wentz, MD MS



May 3, 2007

Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Rural Health Care Pilot Project**

Dear Rural Health Care Pilot Project Review Committee:

Hiram College is pleased to support the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. This initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the Federal Communication Commission announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

Hiram College is a coeducational liberal arts college of 900 men and women located in the historic Western Reserve region of Ohio. Hiram is a nationally respected institution that offers students a distinct learning environment with an emphasis on close student-faculty interactions, international study experiences, and experiential learning environments.

Hiram College is focused on meeting **the** educational needs and requirements of health care in Northeast Ohio. This past March the The Ohio Board of Nursing unanimously granted conditional approval to Hiram College's new nursing program. The College is now seeking approval of the Ohio Board of Regents. The nursing program will take advantage of the college's unique biomedical humanities program whose graduates during the past six years have had a near 100 percent placement into medical and veterinary schools.

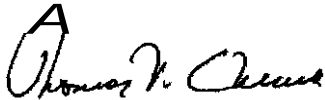
Hiram College believes that a successful implementation of this Pilot Project will set **the** stage for greater collaboration amongst the healthcare facilities, university medical centers, major teaching centers, colleges and universities that train, conduct research and provide advanced healthcare throughout Ohio and the Northeast region. This broadband approach to reaching the rural community will help support healthcare in the region by addressing the urban/rural healthcare divide.

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Furthermore, Hiram College supports OneCommunity because of their proven history and continued sustainability. OneCommunity has made significant progress in identifying innovative applications and services that take advantage of the physical fiber network that they have built and continue to build. They have successfully developed a network of non profit and for profit organizations applications that work collectively to realize the true potential this resource has to offer to the region and the health care of its citizens. Their use cases are clearly defined and meet the needs of the region.

Hiram supports OneCommunity and the objectives of this proposal. If there should be any questions regarding this letter or related issues please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

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Re: Rural Health Care Pilot Project

Dear Rural Health Care Pilot Project Review Committee:

As Executive Director of OPLIN, the Ohio Public Library Information Network, I am extremely pleased to support and participate in the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. OneCommunity's ongoing efforts to increase broadband connectivity and foster healthcare technology initiatives play a crucial **role** in Northeast Ohio. This FCC project provides a critical next-step towards health care solutions in the region.

OPLIN provides fast, free public Internet access throughout the state, through Ohio's 251 independent local public library systems, as well as providing all Ohio residents with the use of high-quality databases and journals not freely available on the World Wide Web. Through the combination of content and access, residents throughout the state have the important educational benefits available through the Internet. A partner of NetWellness since 1995, OPLIN provides state-wide availability of this valuable resource in support of health and educational goals.

Successful implementation of the FCC pilot project will provide essential infrastructure to connect Northeast Ohio's rural communities, and will complement the existing OPLIN network. It will set the stage for greater collaboration among health care facilities, university medical centers, major teaching centers, and colleges and universities throughout Ohio and the Northeast region. In particular I am excited about the possibilities of collaborations among health providers and public libraries. Librarians are natural educators, and will bring a unique dynamic to this project. Teaming health care providers and librarians to guide patients through the maze of health information on the Internet is an idea long-overdue.

I am particularly pleased to be involved with this initiative as it explicitly joins the library and health care communities in a dedicated project and points **the** way to important e-health initiatives. Ohioans have tremendous health care needs across our state. Addressing these needs with a combined health system and public education strategy holds great promise. Providers, health systems, government and health consumers all have an important role to play in the next generation of health care. I am delighted to join our respective efforts to achieve our shared long-term goals.

Sincerely,

OPLIN Executive Director

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Re: Rural Health Care Pilot Project

Dear Mr. Ansboury,

As Executive Director of INFOhio, Ohio's information network for K-12 schools, I ~~am~~ extremely pleased to support and participate in the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. OneCommunity plays a crucial role in Northeast Ohio to enhance high-speed connectivity and mobilize important technology initiatives that benefit the region and our state. This FCC project is an important part of catalyzing the next-generation health technology initiatives that are vital for health of Ohio's residents.


INFOhio, a virtual K-12 library, is designed to transform teaching and learning by connecting educational resources with the power of information technology.

A statewide cooperative school library and information network, INFOhio provides electronic resources for schools, instructional development for teachers, library automation, and other school resources. In an important new initiative, the *INFOhio Parent Project*, we have launched an ongoing campaign to show parents how to access and use the powerful INFOhio resources with and for their children.

In partnership with NetWellness, INFOhio resources, including the *INFOhio Parent Project*, will be an important part of the FCC pilot demonstration. A partner of INFOhio since 1995, NetWellness is an important source of health information for Ohio's students, teachers and school nurses. The Rural Health Care Project provides an exciting opportunity to demonstrate the impact of combining health system and library communities. As families are more fully engaged through the *INFOhio Parent Project*, new families will become acquainted with NetWellness, not only as a learning resource in the school environment, but as a health information source for families.

Ohio faces many challenges, in health, education and our economy. At the same time we have many strengths. One of our greatest assets is the partnerships we forge and the ongoing work we do together to achieve our goals. INFOhio's long-standing partnership with NetWellness, bridging the academic and K-12 communities, is an example of this spirit; so too are the partnerships being forged in this proposal. FCC support will be a critical part of the way forward for the future of health in the **NE** Ohio region, providing vital infrastructure to leverage the partnerships and intent of Ohio's citizens.

Sincerely,



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April 30, 2007

Rural Health Care Pilot Program  
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To Program Review Committee:

Please accept this support letter for OneCommunity and Northeastern Ohio Regional Health Information Organization (NEO RHIO) in their proposal to create *HealthNet* - a Northeast Ohio Broadband Initiative for Tele-communications and Health Information Exchange.

Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron (dha Akron Children's Hospital) is a full-service pediatric medical center that serves a population base of 4.7 million in more than 25 counties of northeast Ohio. Founded in 1890 as a two-room day nursery, Children's has developed into a leading center for the medical care of children from birth through adolescence.

Akron Children's Hospital is a teaching and research hospital affiliated with the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM), a community-based medical school which operates as a medical consortium with 18 community hospitals and three publicly funded universities (Kent State University, University of Akron, and Youngstown State University). The hospital's medical staff includes 250 primary care physicians and 385 specialists with hospital privileges. Another 510 physicians in the region are affiliated with Children's. Furthermore, Akron Children's Hospital manages a network of 14 pediatric practices throughout the service region, six in rural areas; is a pediatric referral center for more than 32 urban and rural medical centers; and is a regional burn treatment center for adults and children.

Implementation of the proposed *HealthNet* by OneCommunity will, for example, facilitate future growth for tele-medicine, coordination of disaster preparedness activities, and regional planning in the event of an impending medical emergency such as an avian influenza pandemic. We believe OneCommunity is in a strong position to implement the proposed project because they have demonstrated experience in working with healthcare organizations to extend our current network, and have clearly detailed how they would install additional gigabyte optical fiber connections to hospitals, medical providers, and government health agencies in the rural areas of northeastern Ohio.

We believe that OneCommunity's goals are specific and meet the tone and objectives of the FCC Pilot Program. Specific aims of the OneCommunity's proposal include: (1) connecting rural hospitals located in the Northeast Ohio rural health region over a dedicated broadband network; (2) extending the OneCommunity/NEO RHIO broadband services to rural providers; (3) creating a regional repository that employs secure telehealth applications for chronic disease monitoring

and continuing education services; and (4) implementing sustainable enterprise solutions using Health Information Technology for eligible providers in rural and underserved counties. Moreover, this network is expected to improve the quality of health care while reducing the cost.

Lastly, Akron Children's Hospital supports OneCommunity because of their proven history and continued sustainability. OneCommunity has made significant progress in identifying innovative applications and services that take advantage of the physical fiber network that they have built and continue to build. They have successfully developed a network of not-for-profit and for profit organizational applications that work collectively to realize the potential these resources have to offer to the region and the health care of its citizens. Their use cases are clearly defined and address the needs of our urban/rural region.

Again, as a member of the OneCommunity northeast Ohio network, we express our support of the proposal to create *HealthNet*, a northeast Ohio rural pilot program initiative to expand access to advanced tele-communications, greater more cost-effective use of information technology, and the secure exchange of health information.

Sincerely,

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Mark Watson  
Chief Operating Officer

# Ashtabula County Medical Center

 Cleveland Clinic affiliate

May 02, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Ashtabula County Medical Center are pleased to participate and support the OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. This initiative, designed to serve Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

Opened in 1904, Ashtabula County Medical Center is a full-service, 249-bed medical center that serves Ashtabula County and surrounding communities as their primary healthcare provider. APMC is a community owned, non-profit hospital located about 60 miles east of Cleveland, 40 miles west of Erie, Pennsylvania, and 50 miles north of Warren, Ohio. APMC serves a primarily rural and underserved population of approximately 103,000 residents in the geographically largest county in Ohio with a land area of 703 square miles.

APMC is the only provider of maternity services in this county. Other services include inpatient and outpatient surgery, pediatrics unit, occupational medicine, skilled nursing, cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, pain management, orthopedics, sleep disorders, and physical and occupational therapy. APMC is an affiliate of the Cleveland Clinic Health System and has access to their world class medical services. Subsidiaries of APMC are Ashtabula Regional Home Health Services and Glenbeigh, a substance abuse treatment center.

Using statistics from the 2000 census, 9.2% of Ashtabula County family households live below the poverty line. The median household income was \$35,607.00 for a household of 2.56 making it very difficult for many county residents to afford what technology has to offer because it is frequently viewed as a luxury. Combined with our low population density Ashtabula County's economy provides a challenge to all of the county's public services.

APMC, realizing the positive impact this Rural Healthcare Pilot Program would have for our patient care within our rural and economically challenged community, has requested OneCommunity put the regional gateway for Ashtabula County within APMC's computer facility. APMC is one of the largest organizations that provides service to the entire county and surrounding communities making it a good fit for the regional gateway.



ACMC recognizes the need to **develop** and provide a regional/rural network infrastructure that provides critical healthcare services to our physician and patient population at a reasonable cost using innovative methods that better meet their need. An internet connected system would allow ACMC to improve its delivery of high **quality** care in an efficient **and** economical way

ACMC owns a Home Health provider and is implementing many new home health systems. One that will benefit our patient population is a home health monitoring system called Vital Tel. The system uses "turtle" workstations that the home patient can hook up to transmit their vitals. The goal is to improve those devices **with** cameras once high speed data lines are available to patients. The preferred method of communications back to ACMC with this application would be through the internet. The rural initiative would provide access back to ACMC and other hospitals within Northeast Ohio so that the healthcare expertise of specialists which normally must limit their practice to higher population density locales can be shared with the more rural populations.

Another system **that** ACMC has recently learned about that would provide much more responsive services to stroke victims is the REACH Stroke Program from the Medical College of Georgia. The Remote Evaluation for Acute Ischemic Stroke (REACH) program's purpose is to address the need for better access to stroke specialists in smaller communities that are distant from urban centers. The initiative is intended to give urban based stroke specialists the ability to remotely examine patients, review CT scans, and make recommendations regarding tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) treatment for **patients** in outlying emergency departments.

Utilizing the REACH system comprised of a wireless camera, computer, speaker phone **and** the internet, the stroke specialists at larger urban healthcare facilities can actually look at and talk to the possible stroke patient in the rural emergency department. This remote evaluation assists staff with diagnosing an ischemic stroke (blood **clot** in the arteries of the brain, leading to brain tissue death) and if the patient is a good candidate for the clot buster, tPA. Unfortunately only ischemic strokes are treatable with the clot buster tPA; however, the stroke specialists also offer their expertise in the management of hemorrhagic strokes (bleeding in the brain).

With the implementation of the OneCommunity Rural Health Care project, any hospital in the network could implement the REACH Stroke Program **and** improve their response to stroke victim treatment.

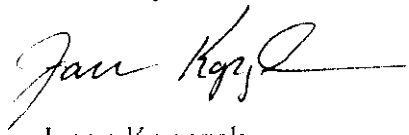
ACMC is an affiliate of Cleveland Clinic and currently shares many systems through a DS3 line. Since ACMC is rural, the communications presently used are **not** always stable or adequate, which affects patient care. With the OneCommunity concept we feel we would enhance our network needs and be able to provide a stable network for our Radiology, Lab, and referrals systems back to Cleveland Clinic.

Partnering with OneCommunity ACMC will realize a dramatic impact in providing systems **and** telemedicine to our outer and remote physicians and patients. The impact in

terms of patient safety with ACMC being able to provide faster services to our surrounding physicians would be substantially increased. Being able to provide a faster network at a reasonable cost will also allow ACMC to keep patient cost down.

To summarize we are in support of OneCommunity and how it will benefit our patients **and** physicians within Ashtabula County.

Sincerely.

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**Re: Rural Health Care Pilot Project**

Dear Rural Health Care Pilot Project Review Committee:

We at The Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education are pleased to support and participate in the proposed Onecommunity Rural Health Care project. This initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the Federal Communication Commission announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

University Hospitals (UH) is a community-based health care system which serves patients at more than 150 locations throughout Northern Ohio, including seven wholly owned and four affiliated hospitals.

Committed to advanced care and advanced caring, UH encompasses the region's largest network of primary care physicians, outpatient centers and hospitals. The network also offers specialty care physicians to treat almost every disease and condition, skilled nursing, elder health, rehabilitation and home care services, and occupational health and wellness.

University Hospitals is the second largest private sector employer in Northeast Ohio and is within the top five largest private sector employers in the state of Ohio.

University Hospitals believes that a successful implementation of this Pilot Project will set the stage for greater collaboration amongst the healthcare facilities, university medical centers, major teaching centers, colleges and universities that train, conduct research and provide advanced healthcare throughout Ohio and the Northeast region.

This project supports UH's objective to connect our community hospitals and clinics with high speed links, and foster collaborative care between UH's main campus and all community / rural hospitals.


University Hospitals is pleased to offer this support letter for OneCommunity because Onecommunity has a successful broadband network, significant healthcare technology coordination role and established partner network that includes the Northeast Ohio

Regional Health Organization (**NEORHIO**) regional urban and rural healthcare providers, and a consortium of vendors, technology researchers and government advisers. This existing core network and health care focus should allow OneCommunity to meet the expected goals and outcomes of the FCC's pilot program.

OneCommunity is in a unique position because they have already been working with healthcare organizations to extend their current network and clearly detailed how they would install additional gigabyte optical fiber connections to hospitals, care providers, patients and government health agencies in the rural areas of Northeastern Ohio. We believe that OneCommunity's goals **are** specific and meet the tone and objectives of the FCC pilot project. Specific aims **of** the OneCommunity's proposal include: (1) connecting rural hospitals located in the Northeast Ohio rural health region over a dedicated broadband network; (2) extending the OneCommunity/NEORHIO broadband services to rural providers; (3) creating a regional repository that employs secure telehealth applications for chronic disease monitoring and continuing education services; and (4) implementing sustainable enterprise solutions using Health Information Technology for eligible providers in rural and underserved counties. This network **is** expected to improve the quality of health care while reducing the cost.

Lastly, University Hospitals **supports** OneCommunity because **of their** proven history and continued sustainability. OneCommunity has made significant progress in identifying innovative applications and **services** that take advantage of the physical fiber network that they have built and continue **to** build. They have **successfully** developed a network of non profit and for profit organizations applications that work collectively to realize the true potential this resource has to offer to the region and the health care of its citizens. Their use **cases** are clearly defined and meet the needs of the region.

Again, it is University Hospitals pleasure to strongly support OneCommunity's proposal. **If** there should be any questions regarding **this** letter or related issues please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely, 

**Brad Chilton**  
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May 3, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Memorial Hospital, Fremont are pleased to participate in and support the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative, designed to serve Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Memorial Hospital's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow better patient care for individuals in the communities we serve via comprehensive "real time" medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.

Memorial Hospital is one of the largest employers in Sandusky County and the predominant health care provider in the greater Fremont community. Memorial Hospital has prided itself in the ability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to its service area. Memorial Hospital's leadership in technology adoption will soon put us in the top five percent of the community hospitals around the country. The OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would extend this technology capability to include the confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medication management across the health care continuum.

Memorial Hospital is a member of Community Care 5 (CC5), which is a five-hospital limited liability company that works together to enhance services and reduce costs in the communities they serve. All five of these hospitals will be included in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project. All of the CC5 Hospitals are locally owned and controlled non-profit facilities.

With ever increasing demands for technology and rising healthcare costs, hospitals need to advance the ways they conduct business. Along with increased technology come increased costs. The CC5 Hospitals, along with other health care networks, are continually looking for ways to enhance and streamline services. OneCommunity would allow Memorial Hospital, along with its other CC5 Hospitals, the opportunity to tap into high-speed intranet technology at a fraction of the cost.

Thank you so much for your consideration of OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project.

Sincerely,

John A. Gorman, CEO



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The Sisters of Charity  
of St. Augustine Health System *and* **University Hospitals**  
**HealthSystem**

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Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Rural Health Care** Pilot Project

Dear Rural Health Care Pilot Project Review Committee:

We at Mercy Medical Center are pleased to support and participate in the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. **This** initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the Federal Communication Commission announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

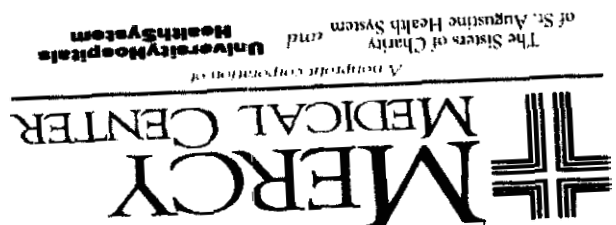
Mercy Medical Center is a 476-bed hospital serving **Stark**, Carroll, Wayne, Holmes and Tuscarawas Counties and parts of Southeastern Ohio. It has **550** physicians on its Medical **Staff** and employs 2,500 people. Mercy operates six outpatient health centers in North Canton, Carrollton, Jackson Township, **Lake** Township and Louisville.

Mercy Medical Center is a Catholic hospital which upholds all Catholic faith obligations and the mission and philosophy of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, and continues to be responsive to the needs of **the** community, including the provision of care to all, regardless of their ability to **pay**.

Mercy Medical Center believes that a **successful** implementation of **this** Pilot Project will set the stage for greater collaboration amongst **the** healthcare facilities, **university** medical centers, major teaching centers, colleges and universities that train, conduct research and provide advanced healthcare **throughout** Ohio and the Northeast region.

We are pleased to offer **this** support letter for OneCommunity because OneCommunity has a successful broadband network, significant healthcare technology coordination role and established partner network that includes the Northeast Ohio Regional Health Organization (NEO RHIO), regional **urban** and **mal** healthcare providers, and a consortium of vendors, technology researchers and government advisers. This existing **core** network and health care focus should allow OneCommunity to meet the expected goals and outcomes of the FCC's pilot program.

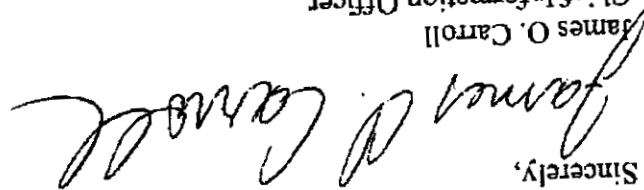
OneCommunity is in a unique position because they have already been working with us to extend our current network and clearly detailed how they would install additional gigabyte optical fiber connections to hospitals, care providers, patients and government health agencies in the rural areas of Northeastern Ohio. We believe that OneCommunity's goals **are** specific and meet the tone and objectives of the FCC pilot project.



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and St. Augustine Health System  
University Hospitals  
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Finally, we are pleased to offer a strong recommendation to OneCommunity and NEO RHIO. Their partnerships, developed across several industries, provide structure and vision to ensure project sustainability and access for future eHealth Initiatives. Should there be any questions regarding our support or this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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May 3, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Fisher-Titus Medical Center are pleased to participate in and support the proposed Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative is designed to serve the north central and north eastern Ohio regions and has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program. Fisher-Titus Medical Center's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project will allow better patient care for individuals in the communities throughout Huron County, via a comprehensive, real time, medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.

By connecting our medical referral centers east to Cleveland and Akron and to the west in Toledo, it will allow instant sharing of information, reduce expenses for patients and save valuable time in making referrals to major medical centers for critical patients. In many cases it will allow information to be at the referral site while the patient is being transferred for more definitive care. On a local basis, it will allow a sharing among the five local providers that make up Community Care 5.

Fisher-Titus Medical Center is the largest employer in the Norwalk area and the predominant health care provider in Huron County, Ohio. Fisher-Titus Medical Center has prided itself in the ability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to our service area. The OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project will extend this technological capacity to include confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medical management across the health care continuum. This will reduce expenses for our community, individual patients and the payers of health care expenses.

Fisher-Titus Medical Center is a member of Community Care 5, which is a five-hospital limited liability company that works together to ensure services and reduce costs to our communities in the north central Ohio area. All five of the hospitals will be included in the Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. All the CC5 hospitals are independent, community-based, non-profit organizations. Once on board with Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project, Fisher-Titus Medical Center and the other members of CC5 will have the decision making power to continue this initiative.

CC5 as an organization was preparing to file its own request, but by supporting this larger initiative we will be able to accomplish our local area needs and connect with a larger geographic area adjacent to north central, north eastern Ohio communities. This will allow for better direction with more return and benefit to our community than initiating our own local RHIO.

With the ever increasing demands for technology hospitals and health care providers need to develop on a collaborative basis, ways to conduct business. Along with the costs of increasing technology comes increasing costs for storage and transfer of information. Our CC5 hospitals along with other health care networks are continually looking for ways to enhance services without significantly increasing costs. Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow FTMC, along with CC5 the opportunity to tap into this high speed internet technology at a fraction of the cost of us acquiring it on our own.

Thank you for your consideration of the Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project.

Sincerely,

Patrick J. Martin, FACHE  
President & CEO





May 2, 2007

The Federal Communication Commission  
Pilot Program for Enhanced Access to Advanced  
Telecommunications and Information Services

Greetings:

The Bellevue Hospital is pleased to participate in and support the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care project. This proposal, in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program, is designed to serve and benefit the Northeast Ohio Region. The Bellevue Hospital would serve as healthcare provider in the network of other hospitals in the network.

**This** project would greatly enhance the portability of patient information across the network of providers – doctors, **free** care rural clinics, acute care hospitals and tertiary hospital facilities. It would allow us the ability to easily transmit patient charts, radiology studies and other pertinent information to speed the process of transfers between facility, improving patient care **and** outcomes. It would allow us access to new specialty care that **is** not currently available in our area. Finally, it will give us the ability to link our medical staff electronically with the hospital. **something** that we could not afford to do as a small community based hospital.

This initial funding will allow **the** network to be established. Ongoing operating costs could be shared going forward on **an** agreed upon allocation.

This initiative would greatly complement **health** care **in** the rural market, It **will** give us the ability to establish state of the art communication systems thereby enhancing patient care and increase the access **to** health **care** and help reduce the overall cost and burden of the administrative task of medicine by decreasing response time and increasing connectivity.

I strongly encourage your consideration of this proposal. Please contact me at the number below, extension **4200**, **with** any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Winthrop  
President

# MAGRUDER HOSPITAL

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May 2, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We at Magruder Hospital are pleased to participate in and support the proposed Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot **Program**. Magruder Hospital's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow better patient care for individuals in the communities we serve via comprehensive "real time" medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.

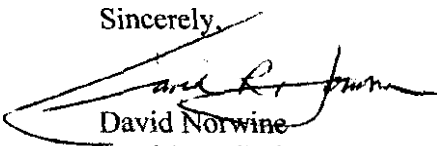
Magruder Hospital is the largest employer in Ottawa County and the predominant health care provider in this rural community. Magruder Hospital has prided itself in the availability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to its service area. The Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project would extend this technology capability to include the confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medication management across the health care continuum.

Magruder Hospital is a member of Community Care 5, which is a five-hospital limited liability company that works together to enhance services and reduce costs in the communities they serve. **All** five of these hospitals ~~will~~ be included in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project. **All** of the CC5 Hospitals are locally owned and controlled non-profit facilities. Once on board with OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project, Magruder Hospital would have the decision making power to continue in this initiative.

With ever increasing demands for technology, hospitals need to come up with collaborative ways to conduct business. Along with increased technology come increased costs. **The** CC5 Hospitals, along as with other health care networks, are continually looking for ways to enhance services without increasing their cost significantly. OneCommunity would allow Magruder Hospital, along with its other CC5 Hospitals, the opportunity to tap into high-speed intranet technology at a fraction of the cost.

Thank you so much for your consideration of Onecommunity Rural Health Care Project

Sincerely,



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# COMMUNITY CARE

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*Quality Healthcare in Your Community*

*The Bellevue Hospital*  
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Sandusky, Ohio

*Fisher-Titus  
Medical Center*  
Norwalk, Ohio

*Magruder Hospital*  
Port Clinton, Ohio

*Memorial Hospital*  
Fremont, Ohio

May 8, 2007

To Whom It **May** Concern:

The Community Care 5 Hospital's are pleased to participate in and support the proposed OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project. This initiative, designed to serve the Northeast Ohio Region, has been created in response to the FCC announcement for a Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The Community Care 5 Hospital's participation in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would allow better patient care for individuals in the communities they serve via comprehensive "real time" medical information sharing delivered electronically to the point of care.

Community Care 6 is a limited liability company, co-owned by five locally controlled, locally governed, rural hospitals in north central Ohio. Collectively, the CC5 Hospitals are the largest employers in north central Ohio. They've prided themselves in the availability to bring advanced technology and skilled physicians to their service area. The OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project would extend this technology capability to include the confidential sharing of radiology images, laboratory results and medication management across the health care continuum.

The Community Care 5 Hospital's work to enhance services and reduce costs in the communities they serve. All five of these hospitals will be included in the OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project. Once on board with OneCommunity Rural Health Care Project, the Community Care 5 Hospital's would have the decision making power to continue in this initiative.

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